



# AGENDA

## SELECTBOARD MEETING

### April 12, 2010

\*\*\*Indicates item added on since previous Friday  
**bold underlined** time = invited guest or advertised hearing  
(all other times are approximate)

#### Call to Order

#### 5:30 p.m. New Business

- € **5:30 w/ Tupper Brown – Technical Panel on G-M Financial Stability** (15 min)
  - The Technical Panel has proposed a letter to be sent on behalf of the towns' selectboards and finance committees and the school committee to our friends on the state side. This is being considered by the Montague Selectboard and Finance Committee and also by the School Committee. Tupper will make a brief explanation of the letter and what it hopes to achieve, and asks for the Board's support.
  
- € **5:45pm w/ Ken Sprankle, Conservation Commission** (15 min)
  - The ConCom is recommending Paul Sievert of Mountain Road be appointed to fill the vacancy that will exist when Ken's 4/15 resignation takes effect.
  - The ConCom has voted to accept conservation restrictions on two parcels of land, and Ken will explain what this means.
  
- € **6:00pm w/ Board of Health, if available**  
Renewal of Waste and Recycling Services Contract (20 min)
  - Our 2-year contract with Alternative Recycling expires June 30, but does have a clause for an optional 2-year renewal. Solid waste and recycling contracts are exempt from procurement act requirements, and Ray's research indicates there is likely no benefit to going out to bid. Ray will explain the renewal offer, and is recommending that either the Selectboard or Board of Health authorize preparation of a contract to be signed at a future meeting.

#### 6:20 p.m. Old Business

- € Review minutes from 3/29 (1 min)
  
- € Schuetzen Verein Club License (2 min)
  - The ABCC has approved the modifications to the existing Club license, so the license certificate needs to be signed. We're still waiting on the new Restaurant license.
  
- € Gill Elementary School – Water Issues (10 min)
  - We have received the \$900 invoice from Safewaters Environmental for the extra water monitoring and testing necessitated by last year's water problem. Approval is requested.
  - During the heavy rains on March 30/31, the basement storage room at the school developed a significant groundwater leak. At the point where the current and previous well water pipes come through the wall one inside the other, the leak is

from the space in between the two. This is a first-time problem, likely caused by the heavy rains and very high water table. Mick, Ed, and Ray inspected the problem with school personnel on 3/31, and the Highway Dept. will excavate the area surrounding the leak on 4/19, weather permitting. A buried water tank and vault are expected to be contributing to the problem.

**6:35 p.m. New Business, continued**

- € Mohawk Trail Scenic Byway Land Protection Project (10 min)
  - The FRCOG has submitted an application to the National Scenic Byway Program for funding for the Mohawk Trail Scenic Byway Land Protection Project. They are seeking letters of support for this project from towns along the byway.
  
- € **6:45 w/ Dee Dee Mares, Songline Emu Farm** (5 min.)
  - Dee Dee Mares, a partner in the Songline Emu Farm here in Gill, is asking the Board to proclaim May 1-9, 2010 as “Gill Emu Week”. This will coincide with National Emu Week, a time that emu farmers use to educate the public about the emu industry.
  
- € FY11 Diesel Bid (5 min)
  - It is time to submit Gill’s figures to the FRCOG to take part in their FY11 bid process for diesel fuel. We anticipate contracting for 5,500 gallons. This is down from the 6,000 gallons contracted for FY10 simply because we won’t be using all of those gallons by year-end. Like heating oil, it’s better to under-buy than to over-buy.
  - There are two options to handle the bids & contracts: 1) Authorize the FRCOG to contract on our behalf – all other participating towns do it this way. 2) Issue our own contract based on the bids that are received by the FRCOG – we were the only town to do this last year. For option 1, the Board must sign the form today. For option 2, the Board would authorize Ray to make an award decision (needed within 3 days of the bid opening on Monday 5/17, which is an in-between week for Board meetings. The Board would still sign the contract.
  
- € Facilities Use Request (2 min)
  - The Agricultural Commission is requesting permission to use the Riverside Building grounds and restroom for a Farmers’ Market on Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the event is to support local agriculture, and to raise funds for the AgCom.
  
- € Annual Election Warrant (2 min)
  - The Annual Election will be held on Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 8:00 p.m. at the Fire Station. There are five copies of the warrant to be signed.
  
- € Annual Appointment of Fire Department Board of Engineers (2 min)
  - As mentioned at the 3/29 meeting, the Fire Department has submitted its nominations for appointment to the Board of Engineers for May 1, 2010 – April 30, 2011.

- € Purchase Order for 5-year Inspection of Stage Elevator (2 min)
  - The vertical lift for the stage is due for a state inspection. Garaventa will coordinate and oversee the process. The fee is \$660, plus \$400 to the state. This is similar to what has been previously approved for the primary elevator.
- € Appointment to Energy Commission (2 min)
  - Ivan Ussach, a Bascom Road resident, has stepped forward to volunteer for an open seat on the Energy Commission.
- € Lawn Mowing Bids (2 min)
  - There were 4 bidders for this year's lawn mowing. Alex Urgiel was the successful low bidder, and was awarded the contract.

**7:15 p.m. Warrant # 21**

**Adjournment**

**Other Invitations/Meetings:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
4/19	1-4, 5-6, 6-9pm	NRC Open House/Q&A Session on Vermont Yankee groundwater contamination	Brattleboro Union High School
4/20	To be announced	(tentative) Green Communities Act – Info & Planning Session ( <b>Important</b> )	Town Hall
4/27	5:30pm	Selectboard – to sign the warrant	Town Hall
4/27	6:00pm	Selectboard – Presentation by HRS for the Police/Fire/Highway Study	Town Hall
4/28	4:30pm	Selectboard – regular meeting	Town Hall
5/4	10am	Statewide Regional Advisory Commission	GCC - Main St. bldg.
5/17	Noon-8pm	Annual Town Elections	Fire Station